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Advisory Announcement

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FLOWER & PORCUPINE MOUNTAIN AREA CLOSED TO GOAT HUNTING

(Juneau) – An emergency order (01-22-19) has been issued to close the mountain goat hunting season in the area bounded by the Klehini River on the north, the Tsirku River south, the Canadian border west, and the Chilkat River on the east side at **11:59 P.M., on Friday, December 6, 2019.**

Based on a survey conducted on September 5, 2018 (69 adults, 14 kids), a guideline harvest objective of 3-4 points (male goats=1 point, female goats=2 points) was established by ADF&G for the area described above. During a subsequent survey conducted on September 10, 2019 a total of 56 adults and 6 kids (11% kids) were observed. As of Thursday December 5, 2019, one female goat and one male goat have been harvested for a total of 3 points. Due to the low number of goats in this area and vulnerability to overharvest, this emergency order is being issued.

Those portions of Unit 1D not affected by this emergency order, and not previously closed by emergency order, will remain open until the harvest guidelines are reached or the seasons come to their scheduled conclusions. Biologists encourage hunters to target male goats in order to allow for higher sustainable harvest in the future. For additional information concerning mountain goat hunting in Game Management Unit 1D contact the Alaska Department of Fish and Game at (907) 465-4329 or (907) 465-4265.